GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3213
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2000
CBI RAIDS ON PREMISES OF DD OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has raided the premises of Doordarshan officials for granting of telecasting and marketing rightsfor sports events to private firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the CBI probe giving the names of the officials whose premiseshave been raided and the details of incriminating evidence so far collected;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that such bunglings do not recur henceforth;

(d) whether Doordarshan DG had given many concessions to NDTV for their various programmes during 1996-97consequent to which DD suffered huge financial losses;

(e) if so, the losses so suffered by DD and the reasons for giving undue concessions to NDTV;

(f) whether the matter been enquired into by CBI, if not, the reasons thereof;

(g) whether any departmental action has been taken against these officials;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): CBI has informed that nation-wide raids were conducted on 13.11.2000.

(b): A statement is annexed. The incriminating documents/articles seized by CBI are under their scrutiny and investigation.

(c): Necessary steps will be taken as per advice of CBI.

(d)&(e): A case has been registered by CBI against former DG: DD and M/s. NDTV and others in connection withundue favour and wrongful losses to Doordarshan. The quantum of losses, if any, can be known only after the CBI investigation is over.

(f): Yes, Sir. Two cases have been registered by CBI and the enquiry is pending with CBI.

(g) to (i): Departmental action will be taken as per the advice of CBI on the conclusion of the investigation.